



**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER RAUL CAMPILLO
SEVENTH DISTRICT**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 9, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor Todd Gloria

FROM: Councilmember Raul A. Campillo, District 7 *RAC*

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2023 Climate Equity Fund Recommended Projects

I appreciate the opportunity to elaborate on projects in my District that are urgently needed in order to address decades of underinvestment. The Climate Equity Fund is a valuable financial tool that commits dedicated investments to Communities of Concern that are either lacking adequate infrastructure, or have not seen upgrades to their infrastructure historically.

The Climate Equity Index that determines the eligibility for the funding allocated through the Climate Equity Fund, however, fails to properly account for the census tracts that are in dire need of investments. In the 2021 updated version, multiple census tracts in the District 7 community of Linda Vista, as well as areas in Districts 4, 8 and 9, were assigned a new score, making them ineligible for the funding through the Climate Equity Fund. Not only does this constitute a missed opportunity to provide underserved communities with the funding they were historically excluded from, but it further reduces access for their residents to enjoy safe and well-maintained community amenities. While no metric is ever perfectible, the result of the 2021 update is noticeably inequitable.

The decision of the City of San Diego to solely rely on the Climate Equity Index to identify disadvantaged communities fails to consider multiple data sources that could provide additional context. For example, per the California Healthy Places Index, used by the County of San Diego, three of Linda Vista's census tracts score below 40% for health conditions.¹ Per the U.S. Department of Transportation's tool that identifies Transportation-Disadvantaged communities, a

¹ <https://map.healthyplacesindex.org/>

majority of the census tracts located in Linda Vista are considered disadvantaged.² Additionally, four census tracts in Linda Vista are considered Low-to-Moderate Income per the Community Development Block Grant Program.³

I have raised this issue throughout the last year, and your staff has been responsive and helpful. I look forward to working with your office, as well as my Council colleagues to both adequately account for underserved communities in the Climate Equity Index, and to establish a truly representative definition of Communities of Concern, as part of the upcoming Environmental Justice Element Update.

In Fiscal Year 2023, I propose the following projects be considered to receive funding under the Climate Equity Fund:

- Design for John Baca Park. *Approximate Cost: \$800,000*
- Linda Vista Community Park improvements, including:
 - Resurfacing of tennis courts and installation of windscreens
 - Replacement of outdoor security cameras
 - Resurfacing, striping and introduction of signage at parking lot
 - Installation of perimeter wall of the outdoor basketball/multipurpose court, and striping to accommodate pickleball
 - *Approximate Cost: \$100,000*
- Traffic calming on Osler Street. *Approximate Cost: \$500,000*
- Installation of streetlights along:
 - 2600 block of Nye Street
 - 6200 block of Osler Street
 - 6300 block of Inman Street
 - *Approximate Cost: \$500,000*
- Installation of Class IV bike lanes along Linda Vista Road, from Comstock Street to Genesee Avenue. *Approximate Cost: \$70,000*

Projects that directly serve the residents of Linda Vista, but are ineligible per the Climate Equity Index in its current form:

- Preliminary engineering and design for Linda Vista Community Center, to be built at the corner of Comstock Street and Linda Vista Road. *Approximate Cost: \$1,200,000*
- Design for Kelly Street Neighborhood Park. *Approximate Cost: TBD pending GDP process*
- Linda Vista Library Outdoor Patio Expansion. *Approximate Cost: \$500,000*
- V-Calm sign on Kelly Street, between Bayside Community Center and Canyon Ridge Baptist Church. *Approximate Cost: \$25,000*

² <https://usdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/d6f90dfcc8b44525b04c7ce748a3674a>

³ <https://sandiego.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=85cec9d0dcf749f4b1c085058e6be1a7>

- Installation of Class IV bike lanes along Linda Vista Road, from Via Las Cumbres to Comstock Street, and from Genesee Avenue to Mesa College Road. *Approximate Cost: \$190,000*
- Streetlights along:
 - Camino Costanero, between Via Las Cumbres and Camino Copete
 - Camino Copete, between Caminito Juanico and Caminito Salado
 - *Approximate Cost: \$500,000*

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